



COLLIN COUNTY

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To: Judge Self and Commissioners

From: Jeff B. Durham, Special Projects Manager

Re: Request from the City of Celina to Re-Allocate Open Space Project Funding
Assistance Program Funds to a Different Piece of Property

Collin County approved \$300,000 in funding for Celina to purchase a 20 acre tract in October 2014 (CO# 2014-1020-12-22). The unforeseen passing of an adjacent landowner involved in this transaction will prevent the City from completing this acquisition as planned.

The City of Celina has a contract to purchase 30.778 acres adjacent to the Parks of Wilson Creek. Celina would like to re-allocate their 2014 County open space funding to this land purchase. They have cash on hand for their match, which will be greater than three to one.

This item was on the June 11th Parks Foundation Advisory Board Agenda for consideration. However, there was not a quorum for that meeting and no action was taken by the Board. Staff has reviewed this request and recommends that funds be re-allocated to the Parks of Wilson Creek land purchase.

If approved, Judge Self's execution of the attached ILA is requested. Execution of the ILA by Collin County in advance of the City will enable Celina to expedite closing, which is scheduled to take place in mid-August.

The City's letter of request and location maps depicting both sites is attached for your review and I will be available to answer any questions you might have regarding this matter.

xc: Bill Bilyeu
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